execute the earthwork to the channels. Since the introduction of the survey, it is only the ryots' responsibility that is insisted upon, without a reciprocal advantage to them as existed previously.

(5) With the levy of the wet rate and the irrigation cess, the responsibility of maintaining the channels necessarily falls upon Government.

If such large irrigation works are transferred to the control of the Public Works Department, the annoyance now caused to the ryots of maintaining the channels ceases, as the cost of maintaining them has to be provided for in the budget.

Reply of Government.—Will be investigated. A report with statistics will be called for from the Deputy Commissioners.

SUBJECT No. 415.

Restoration of the mantap in the honda at Santebennur.

Mr. Nadig Bheema Rao, Channagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There is a fine mantap of architectural interest in the honda at Sentebennur, which was originally constructed at a heavy cost. For want of attention, the mantap is now in a deplorable condition. As Government have ordered the restoration of all buildings of architectural beauty and historical interest, it is prayed that early steps may be taken to restore this mantap to its original condition.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No 416.

A bridge across the "Tumbuvahole."

Mr. K. Shamaiengar, Channagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—About 37 years ago a causeway was built at this place in the course of the Sulekere Kodihalla without leaving an opening for the free passage of water. In consequence of this, Government have been deprived of an annual income of ten to fifteen thousand rupees. The removal of this causeway and the construction of a bridge in lieu of it have been considered necessary by all responsible officers who have seen the locality, but nothing has yet been done in the matter. The existence of the present causeway not only submerges a large extent of cultivable land, but is also the cause of much unhealthiness, not to speak of frequent accidents to cattle which get stuck up in the mire. It is prayed that a bridge may be caused to be constructed at this spot and that facilities may be afforded for reclaiming the large extent of land now submerged under water for cultivation.

Reply of Government.—Will be investigated.

SUBJECT No. 417.

A hospital at Sulekere.

Mr. K. Shamaiengar, Channagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A large portion of the Channagiri Taluk lying around the Sulekere tank is unhealthy. To afford some relief to the suffering population, the Hospital Assistant at Channagiri visits this place once a week. But as this cannot go far to relieve the sufferings of the people in these parts, it is prayed that a hospital may be opened here permanently.

Reply of Government.—There is a Vaidyasala at Basvapatna. It will be considered whether it may be transferred to Sulekere.

SUBJECT No. 418.

Completion of the Sulekere-Davangere road.

Messrs. K. Shamaiengar, Channagiri Taluk, and S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—Out of a length of 24 miles of this road, a length of 8 miles in the Shimoga District up to the frontier and of 12 miles in the Chitaldurg District in the opposite direction from Davangere to Kukwada has been laid out. It is prayed that the District Board of Chitaldrug may be requested to provide funds for laying out the remaining 4 miles, as this road is the nearest route for grain traffic between the commercial centre of Davangere and the Channagiri, Shimoga, and Tarikere Taluks, and some portions of the Holalkere Taluk.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the District Board.

SUBJECT No. 419.

Inconvenience for firewood in the maidan parts of the Channagiri Taluk.

Mr. Basappa, Channagiri Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Some portions of the Channagiri Taluk happen to be purely maidan tracts, where District Forests do not exist. In the existing District Forests of the taluk, sufficient quantities of dry firewood are not available and as the ryots are not permitted to remove green firewood from the District Forests, they are obliged to get it from the State Forests on payment of seigniorage. As this has been causing much inconvenience to the poorer classes of ryots, it is prayed that they may be permitted to get firewood free of cost from the State Forests.

Reply of Government.—The seigniorage rate, *viz*; four annas, is very light, and the concession prayed for can not be granted.

SUBJECT No. 420.

A dam across the halla between Danehalli and Kodachiganahalli.

Mr. Rèvanasiddiah, Honnali Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—This subject was mooted in the year 1908 and was referred to the Deputy Commissioner. As this is a useful work of irrigation, it is prayed that it may be taken up early. The ryots will construct the dam themselves if a continuance of dry crop rates is assured.

Reply of Government.—The project is being investigated by the Executive Engineer. The Public Works Department will be asked to expedite the matter.

SUBJECT No. 421.

Construction of a tank near Ambligolla.

Mr. K. Srinivasa Dikshit, Shikarpur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is learnt that an estimate for this tank has been prepared. It is prayed that this work may be taken up and completed early, as it will be useful to the ryots of several villages.

Reply of Government.—Will be referred to the Public Works Department.